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PCT/GB2004/002915

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. claims: 1,3-5,9,17,18

Apparatus for manipulating a target object in a cell region,
comprising a remotely controlled hydraulic arm

2. claims: 2,6,7,8

Apparatus for manipulating a target object in a cell region,
said region including a melter trolley

3. claims: 10,11

Chisel tool arranged for securing to an apparatus for
manipulating a target object in a cell region

4. claims: 12,13

Saw tool arranged for securing to an apparatus for
manipulating a target object in a cell region

5. claims: 14,15,16

Holding tool arranged for securing to an apparatus for
manipulating a target object in a cell region

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